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City of Northville downtown streets set to reopen

Streets in downtown Northville were scheduled to reopen this week.

The closing of the streets has been controversial in the community prompting criticism from nearby residents as traffic has been rerouted through some neighborhoods. Last week, with the installation of specially designed traffic bollards, officials said the downtown streets would reopen this week and remain passable until sometime next spring.

The bollards were installed throughout the downtown area on Main, Hutton, Center and Dunlap streets. The large circular barriers will be lowered into the ground to allow the return to previous traffic patterns in the downtown area. The 3-foot-high black devices have reflective bands near the top so they are visible at night. When the streets are closed, they will be upright to prevent vehicles from entering the streets. They can also be lowered in emergencies by first responders who will have keys, officials said.

The cost of the bollards was estimated at \$200,500 and includes the concept plan, engineering, the bollard purchase



Northville City Manager George Lahanas and Mayor Brian Turnbull inspect the new bollards installed in downtown streets.

and installation of the devices. The cost was split evenly between the city and the Downtown Development Authority, according to a city spokesman.

To acclimate drivers and pedestrians to the change in traffic patterns, signs will be posted on the streets leading to the downtown traffic lights, officials said. Mayor Brian Turnbull said the bollards “look outstanding” and they

will give the city “greater flexibility” when opening and closing downtown streets to traffic.

“We are excited to have the bollards installed, as they greatly enhance the look of our downtown when the streets are closed,” said City Manager George Lahanas. “The biggest benefit is enhanced safety for pedestrians while being easy for staff to operate.”

The bollards also add a new security measure that will ben-

efit event-goers and pedestrians when streets are closed to traffic, officials said. Gone are the water barricades and older police cars that formerly provided a barricade for vehicles as well as a safety measure for people using the closed streets. The new bollards permanently replace those items.

Officials said they hope the appearance of the bollards will become another distinctive feature in downtown Northville.

ZIBIWES Canton passive nature park is dedicated by Potawatomi

Members of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Nation joined Canton Township officials and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell last Friday for the naming of a nature area in the community.

The undeveloped 134 acres of land at the northwest corner of Ford Road and Ridge Road is now officially the Zibiwes Nature Area. The dedication included special presentations from members of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Nation.

Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak led the festivities, which included special remarks by U. S. Rep. Debbie Dingell and Terry Campbell, regional manager of the Office of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

The nature area was designated by members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees in May in an effort to preserve and protect the open space, natural habitats, and greenspace of the undeveloped woodlands and wetlands located on the northwest section of the Canton community. The area, officials said, is home to many native plants

and animal habitats.

Canton Township Board of Trustees collaborated with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Representations Outreach Board on name recommendations, as well as the acquisition of cultural resources and information. The Pokagon group, after much research and study of the area, ultimately recommended the name “Zibiwés” (pronounced ZEE-bee-wess) based on the Bodwéwadmimwen Potawatomi language word for creek, since the landform topography of the area includes a large section of Fellows Creek.

Township officials plan to incorporate accessible trails, parking, and a nature-themed playground into the Zibiwés Nature Area using a \$1 million federal grant secured with the help of U. S. Rep. Haley Stevens and Dingell in the 2022 omnibus spending package. Additionally, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has identified \$1 million from the American Rescue Plan Act appropriation for this parcel to help cultivate a public space.

Land for the Zibiwés Nature



Area was purchased in 2000 with grant funds from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. As part of the township 2021 planning process, a vision for the design of the property was articulated by the community, calling

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Special guests from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Nation help celebrate the official naming of the Canton Township Zibiwés Nature Area. Township officials and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell joined Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak representatives at the celebration last Friday.



NORTHVILLE

Postal worker robbery Suspects are arrested

Two men are facing multiple federal felony charges in connection to the robbery of a postal worker in Northville Township last week.

Michale Lamar Smith-Ellis, 30, or Detroit and Terrance Tucker, 32, of Inkster were arraigned in federal court last week. The pair face charges of conspiracy; robbery or theft of mail, money or property of the U.S. Government; aggravated assault of federal employee; use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and key or locks stolen or reproduced. The various crimes carry penalties from 25 to 5 years imprisonment if convicted.

Northville Township Police were dispatched in response to a report of an armed robbery at about 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The incident took place in the area of Silver Spring Drive and Eight Mile Road, according to police reports, and occurred in broad daylight when two suspects, armed with a firearm, targeted a postal carrier, demanding keys to postal boxes. Police said no injuries were reported.

The preliminary investigation indicated the suspects, both wearing all-black clothing and ski masks, took the keys to the postal boxes and fled the area in a newer model mid-sized silver Hyundai SUV, according to police reports.

Northville Township police dispatchers immediately notified surrounding law enforcement agencies of the incident and included a description of the suspects provided by witnesses.

Livonia officers located and stopped the suspect vehicle on I-96 near Middlebelt Road and arrested the defendants.



Michale Lamar Smith-Ellis



Terrance Tucker

Planning commission hears Downs site plan

The final site plan for the development at the Northville Downs property was presented to members of the planning commission for consideration last week.

Seth Herkowitz of Hunter Pasteur presented the developer's refined renderings of detached and attached single-family homes and detailed the timeline for the mixed-use project. While this meeting was expected to focus on conditions of the preliminary site plan approval and new elements of landscape, lighting and signage, Herkowitz noted that the presentation would need to be split over the course of two meetings due to the amount of content that he and his associates planned to present.

City Planner Sally Elmiger provided a point-by-point assessment of the conditions of the Planned Unite Development and preliminary site plan as approved by the commissioners on Sept. 7, 2022.

The final site plan shows the log cabin situated in the river park on the west side of the daylighted river; it currently fronts River Street. If matching funds to relocate the cabin aren't raised by March 1, 2024 (with the developer committed to paying up to \$125,000 toward relocation), or the log cabin is not removed from the project site by April 15, 2024, the development

Northville-based architects have designed these homes, which will be sold and built by Toll Brothers.

agreement permits the developer to demolish the cabin.

The original offer to relocate the Farmers' Market on a portion of the Downs land during construction was deemed unfeasible by city administration and the task force. The city is looking for a new temporary location and can apply up to \$300,000 committed by the developer (the first capture of brownfield funds) for the temporary site or use that allocation for the final site of the Farmers' Market. This condition has been met.

The final site plan showed refined architectural details of the 38 single-family homes and the ways they vary in style and lot size to become an extension of the walkable city neighborhoods. Northville-based architects have designed these homes, which will be sold and built by Toll Brothers.

Architect Greg Presley, of Presley Architecture, presented the "individuating" styling of homes that are patterned

after many of the city traditional homes. The houses range from 2,000 to 3,100 square feet and most have a primary suite on the first floor.

For single-family homes, buyers will be able to choose their style, elevation and colors. The builder said that, due to market demand, larger lots will be used for larger homes.

One of the most significant changes is that the former three-story townhomes on the southern-most part will be reduced to 2-1/2 stories. The change to 2-1/2 stories means the height of these buildings is no longer a deviation from the city Master Plan. A ladder fire truck is no longer required to put out a fire in the 2-1/2 story structures, as it would have been if the building were three stories.

Toll Brothers will also build 22 single-

family attached homes west of S. Center Street, which are estimated to be ready for sale beginning in July 2025 and completed in October 2026.

The project team estimates it will take 12 months from the date of application to approve the permits on a local, regional and state level that will permit daylighting of the river that is currently buried under the Downs property. It's estimated 70 percent of the river will be daylighted in 2024 and the remaining 30 percent in 2025. This timeline is based on approval from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to permit funds for this purpose. The developer noted the river will capture 30,000 gallons of stormwater annually and the underground detention basin will provide additional infiltration at the site.

The next meeting of the planning commission to discuss the project is set to begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at Northville City Hall and Zoom. The developer will finish his presentation and take clarifying questions from commissioners, then the meeting will move into public comment regarding the final site plan application.

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Northville Charter Township as the Responsible Entity under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Project Funding and HUD Grant #B-22-CP-MI-0441 is located in a wetland, and Northville Charter Township will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The project consists of installation of sanitary sewer along a 0.5 mile long stretch of 5 Mile Road on the border of Plymouth and Northville Townships between a point 1600-ft west of Ridge Road and a point 1000-ft east of Ridge Road. At the point 1000-ft east of Ridge Road the new sewer will connect to the existing sanitary sewer line and the current Western Township's Utility Authority (WTUA) interceptor. The project will provide sanitary sewer service to a development west of Ridge Road as a part of the Michigan International Technology Center (MITC) initiative. The project area west of Ridge Road will primarily be directional drilled, minimizing impact to the natural environment. The project area east of Ridge Road will be open cut in order to replace the existing 12-in diameter sewer with an 18-in diameter sewer. The open cut area is anticipated to impact a small section of wetland adjacent to the south side of the road.

0.074 acres of Palustrine Emergent Persistent (PEM1) wetland directly adjacent to the road are anticipated to be impacted by the project. Approximately 150-ft of sanitary sewer construction will impact the wetland. The proposed impact is located 550-ft east of Ridge Road along the south side of 5 Mile Road in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, MI.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Northville Charter Township at the following address on or before November 20, 2023: Northville Charter Township, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, Attention: Bob Belair, Director of Public Services. Comments may also be submitted via email at bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Wreaths Across America seeking donors, volunteers

Each year, millions of Americans come together to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

The City of Romulus will once again participate in the annual Wreaths Across America recognition of veterans which takes place throughout the country.

The ceremony this year is planned for noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

The national event is a gathering of volunteers and patriots in local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states - most recently at 3,702 participating locations - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities.

The national nonprofit theme for 2023 is "Serve and Succeed."

More than two million volunteers and supporters will gather at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states,

at sea and abroad, according to the organization website.

Local residents are being asked to help support the PVT James D Donovan/ Romulus VFW Post 78 as members attempt to honor every veteran interred in city cemetery.

VFW members are asking residents and businesses to sponsor a wreath to honor a veteran during the special ceremony.

Residents, businesses, clubs and family members each year purchase a a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in the armed forces. Donors can allow the local organization to designate a recipient among those interred at the Romulus cemetery.

Wreaths can be purchased online until Nov. 28 by visiting: <https://www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/> Choose "Local Sponsorship Group" and search "Romulus VFW" or MI0129P

Volunteers to help place the wreaths are still needed, the a VFW spokesman said.

Donations can be made in person at Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight's office at



City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road.

In 2022, more than 2.7 million veterans' wreaths were placed by volunteers on head-

stones at 3,702 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made by veterans with

each name said out loud.

The Dec. 16 event in Romulus will be free and open to the public.

Inkster voters to choose mayor, council members on Tuesday

Inkster voters will go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 7, to choose a mayor and members of the city council in three city districts.

Current Mayor Patrick Wimberly, 49, has been indicted by federal authorities and is accused of demanding cash from a developer hoping to purchase city-owned property. Wimberly was elected to the mayor position which pays \$105,000 annually in 2019.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Former Mayor Byron H. Nolen is seeking to return to the office which he left in 2019. An attorney for 27 years, he cites the city budget \$3.3 million surplus when he left office and the relief from state receivership in 2019. Nolen was first elected in 2015 with 87 percent of the vote.

Inkster voters will choose a city council representative for District 1. Candidates are Felicia

Inkster voters will go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 7, to choose a mayor and members of the city council in three city districts.

Rutledge and Timothy Williams. Rutledge has worked in government for more than 16 years. She is a Victim Advocate for the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office Victim Service Unit.

Williams served as Mayor Pro Tem on the Inkster City Council and is a former state legislator.

Candidates in District 4 are Steven Chisholm, the incumbent, and Rebecca J. Daniels.

Chisholm has served on the city council for 7 years and is hoping to serve another term. Daniels is a real estate broker and has served as the precinct 4 delegate.

In District 6, incumbent Dennard Orlando Shaw is opposed by Cee Coleman-Richardson.

Shaw has been serving as the district representative while Coleman-Richardson is a long-time city activist. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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SUMPTER - WAYNE

Stormy weather Sumpter is certified as ‘StormReady’

Sumpter Township recently received the StormReady Community designation from the National Weather Service.

StormReady uses a grass-roots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of extreme weather-from tornadoes to winter storms. The program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather opera-

tions, according to the national weather service.

Sumpter was recertified for another four years by the national organization as one of only 10 local municipalities designated as StormReady. To earn the designation the community must establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center and have more than a single means to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts.

The community must also have multiple ways to notify the public and have created a sys-

tem that monitors weather conditions. In addition, the municipality must also promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars and develop a formal hazardous weather plan which includes training severe weather spotters and organizing emergency services.

The prestigious recertification procedure was led by Sumpter Township Trustee Tim Rush and was formally awarded to Sumpter Township and the public safety department earlier this year:



Sumpter Township Trustee Tim Rush, left, and Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Eric Luke receive the StormReady Community designation.

District high schools offering college programs

The Wayne Westland Community Schools District is offering high school students the opportunity to earn college credit hours, industry certification, and an associate degree while still in high school.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools District has partnered

with several colleges and universities to combine the high school and college experience. Upon completion of this five-year program, students will graduate with their high school diploma and up to 60 credit hours, potentially earning their associate degree, according to a

district spokesman.

This program is offered at no cost to Wayne-Westland Community Schools District students.

The application window for fall 2024 participation in the program is now open. To apply, students must complete an

Early College Student Application with an essay; complete the Wayne-Westland Early College Recommendation Form; obtain two references and participate in a 10-15 minute interview.

Information sessions regarding to program have been

scheduled via Zoon at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 (Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545599800>); at 6 p.m. Jan 17 at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 through Zoom (Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89190989589>).

Vistatech facility now open at Schoolcraft College

The \$11 million renovation of the Vistatech Center at Schoolcraft College provides an area where students and community members can gather to eat, work, play, learn and do business together, a college spokesman said.

The center now provides a technology-rich venue for business gatherings, corporate events, dynamic learning, cutting-edge training, and culinary arts education - a first-of-its-kind in higher education, a college official said.

"The Vistatech Center embodies Schoolcraft's vision of pushing boundaries and embracing innovation," said Dr. Glenn Cerny, president of Schoolcraft College. "This architectural marvel is not just a space, but a force that will drive our community toward a brighter future."

Designed not just for students and faculty at Schoolcraft College but also as a resource for area residents,the Vistatech Center is the hub of the Schoolcraft culinary school and the site of master chef

exams offered in the United States.

Central to the revamp are three culinary establishments: American Harvest Restaurant, Main Street Café and The Craft Grille, where students have the opportunity to gain real-world experience by working under the supervision of talented chefs within the culinary department.

In addition to culinary experience, the Main Street Cafe and The Craft Grille also feature award-winning craft beers created by the Brewing and Distillation Technology program.

The Vistatech Center also includes the Collaborative Learning Studio with studio seating, a flight of video screens and a demonstration kitchen available to rent for corporate events and repurposed by students and staff. The center also features state-of-the-art telecommunications technology, flexible furniture configurations, on-site catering services and some of the most advanced instructional kitchens

in the nation, officials said.

The adaptable space can accommodate various corporate events. Operating seven days a week, the Vistatech Center will serve students and the community while providing a non-traditional revenue source that helps keep Schoolcraft tuition rates competitive, they added.

The renovation is part of Cerny and the board of trustees' broader vision for the campus. In addition to the VisTaTech center, Schoolcraft has added to the campus a surgical-medical facility operated by

Trinity Health, a sports performance facility sponsored by Trinity Health, and a manufacturing company (Masco Corp.) - all offering learning and employment opportunities for Schoolcraft students while generating non-traditional revenue for the college and serving residents of Southeast Michigan, a spokesman said.

The Vistatech Center is open to the public.

For more information, visit <https://www.schoolcraft.edu/sclanding/explore-vistatech/>

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PLYMOUTH - WESTLAND

Voters will select new mayor, 4 councilmembers

Next Tuesday, voters in Westland will choose a new mayor; the first in nearly 20 years. Current interim Mayor Mike Londeau and State Rep. Kevin Coleman, D-Westland, are vying for the four-year position which pays \$121,574 annually. The two were selected from a field of six hopefuls in an August primary election.

Coleman, 40, served on the Westland City Council, the veteran's association and the Westland festival committee, prior to his election to state office. Coleman was defeated by former Mayor William Wild in his first bid for the top job in the city. If Coleman is elected, a special election to fill his unexpired term as the representative from the 25th District would be necessary.

Following Wild's resignation, current members of the city council chose Londeau to serve as interim mayor until the election. Prior to his election to the city council, Londeau chaired the city Downtown Development Authority and was a member of the master plan steering committee. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

Voters will also choose four members of the city council on Nov. 7. Six candidates are seeking the four terms. Emily Bauman, DeLano Hornbuckle, incumbent Michael McDermott, Edward Pruett, Council President Pro tem Andrea Rutkowski and incumbent Melissa Sampey are vying for terms. Hornbuckle was appointed to fill Londeau's seat when he left the council to become the interim mayor. Both Bauman and Hornbuckle are seeking a partial term through 2025, the remainder of Londeau's unexpired term.

The councilmembers are paid \$18,040 annually while the council president, elected by the members, is paid \$18,953.

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History lessons

Members of the Noon Plymouth Rotary Club learned more about the history of their club last week as they participated in the Plymouth Historical Museum Cemetery Ghost Walk. Among those learning more about several charter members of the club were Eric Joy, June Kirchgatter, City Manager Paul Sincock and Warren Musson. The Rotary Club donated several headstones to mark the graves of the charter members of the club. This was the first of several events scheduled to mark the 100th anniversary of the Rotary club in Plymouth.





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Township Leisure Services Department honored

Canton Leisure Services has again recognized for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management. The department received re-accreditation Oct. 11 and remains one of only 206 agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). In addition, Laura Mortier, Canton Leisure Services recreation supervisor, CPRP, was presented with the 2023 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The distinguished accomplishments were recognized in Dallas, Texas during the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2023 national conference.

“CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies and is a measure of an agency’s overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that Canton Leisure Services has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs safety, and services,” according to a prepared statement

from the township. Accreditation focuses on achieving 154 standards across 10 core areas of focus. The process for accreditation involves a formal application, self-assessments, and a site visit by a team of trained volunteers that results in a written report and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation.

As the 2023 recipient of the Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award, Mortier has now joined the distinguished ranks of just over a dozen other parks and recreation professionals in the United States, who have also received the notable national award.

This highly acclaimed award recognizes the vision and dedication of individuals who have tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life in America through parks and recreation and who will serve as examples for future leaders in continuing the recreation and park movement into the 21st century, according to a spokesman.

“Attaining national department and illustrious individual staff recognition that Laura Mortier so strongly deserves on this level is confirmation of our staff’s incredibly successful efforts to provide



Canton Township Leisure Services staff members accept the CAPRA Re-Accreditation Award at the NRPA national conference in Dallas, TX. Accepting the honor is, from left, Jon LaFever, Community Development Director; Jeanette Aiello, Project & Operations Supervisor; Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services Director; Laura Mortier, Recreation Supervisor and the recipient of the 2023 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award from the National Recreation and Park Association. Photo courtesy of Caught in the Moment and the National Recreation and Park Association.

quality facilities, programs, activities, and special events throughout the Canton community,” said Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger, CPRP. “Re-accreditation continues to show

Leisure Services’ unwavering dedication to creating memorable experiences and to providing outstanding services.”

Canton Leisure Services, originally accredited in 2004, is cur-

rently one of only three CAPRA-accredited agencies in the state of Michigan and was also previously re-accredited in 2008, 2013, and 2018. Accreditation is valid for a period of five years.

Annual Salute to Services recognition set for Nov. 10

The annual special celebration honoring all veterans, living and deceased, and especially those active-duty military men and women who are currently serving in faraway places will take place just prior to Veterans Day in Canton Township.

Canton Club 55+ members and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill officials are partnering to honor area service men and women who have served or who are currently serving in the armed forces. The Nov. 10 free event will feature a special program that will take place on the main stage of the theater. Featured presenters include Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and informational veterans’ speakers, as well as a special performance by the 338th Army Band.

“Canton is proud to present this special event, which is designed to thank, as well as support, our area’s service men and women and their families,” said Jennifer Galazka, Canton Club 55+ recreation specialist. “This special tribute will bring together the community for an afternoon of celebration and appreciation of those who have put themselves in harm’s way to protect our country.”

The annual Salute to Service event is set for noon until 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. The program will take place at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton.

Representatives of the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Health System will also be onsite accepting donations throughout the event. Suggested items for donation include, but are not limited to new items in their original packaging: T-Shirts (sizes S-5XL); sweatshirts in all sizes (no hoodies, please); winter

coats (all sizes); winter gloves, hats, and scarves; combs (4-inch size needed for inpatient use); deodorant, disposable razors; lotion; lip balm (Chapstick); and lap quilts (4-foot by 4-foot minimum size). Additional items that are needed include cases of water; toilet paper; and cans of ground coffee.

No tickets are required for

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this general admission event and all ages are welcome to attend.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry

Hill Road in Canton. For more information visit www.cantonvillage-theater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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Park

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for a largely passive and natural park area, officials said.

Featured Pokagon Band cultural presentations included an invocation and prayer led by Elder Misho Donald Sumners, as well as performances by singer and drummer Brian Moore. Additional Pokagon Band members were also in attendance, including Amy Jo Morseau, cultural activities coordinator for the Pokagon Center of History & Culture; Julie Dye, chair of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Representations Outreach Board as well as Rhonda Keene, a tribal council member. In addition, several Indigenous American dancers from across the state performed to a rhythm drum during the event.

Visitors to the rustic park can take advantage of a half-mile crushed gravel trail, from dawn until dusk.

For more information about the Zibiwés Nature Area, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

For more information, email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.